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JERUSALEM FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 3749, SENT SECSTATE, BELGRADE, AUGUST
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 3749

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24, YUGOSLAVIA

AMBASSADOR BENNETT TELEPHONED YUGOSLAV PERMREP PETRIC TO
SAY WE WERE FRANKLY ASTONISHED AT YUGOSLAV POSITION OF
ABSTENTION ON AUSTRALIAN MOTION TO ADJOURN PUERTO RICAN
ITEM IN VIEW OF REITERATED ASSURANCES BY PETRIC IN THEIR
TWO CONVERSATIONS ON AUGUST 19 THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS
WORKING HARD FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ISSUE. IN FACT, CONTINUED
BENNETT, WE HAD INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT YUGOSLAVS
WERE BUSY ON COMMITTEE FLOOR THIS MORNING WORKING FOR CUBAN
POSITION AND AGAINST POSTPONEMENT. PETRIC STOUTLY DENIED
YUGOSLAVS HAD WORKED AGAINST POSTPONEMENT (WE BELIEVE OUR
RELIABLE WESTERN SOURCE) AND RATHER LAMELY DEFENDED
YUGOSLAV ACTION BY SAYING IT WAS CLEAR IN COMMITTEE THAT
POSTPONEMENT MOTION WOULD CARRY AND IT WAS THEREFORE BETTER
FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO ABSTAIN IN VIEW NON-ALIGNED DIVISION OVER
QUESTION. BENNETT MADE CLEAR YUGOSLAV MISSION HAD LOST
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CREDIBILITY WITH US BY THIS EVASIVENESS AND SAID
APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE MADE IN BELGRADE.
PETRIC IN HIS TURN EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT BENNETT'S
APPROACH, SAYING HE HAD EXPECTED A CALL OF APPRECIATION

FROM US FOR YUGOSLAV EFFORTS AT POSTPONEMENT. BENNETT
EXPRESSED FURTHER ASTONISHMENT AND ASKED WHY WE SHOULD BE
EXPECTED TO BE APPRECIATIVE OF YUGOSLAV ABSTENTION ON A
MATTER OF GROSS INTERFERENCE IN U.S. INTERNAL
AFFAIRS.
BXENNETT UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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